

# **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM**

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### **Davis Applauds President's 2005 Drug Strategy**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – House Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) issued the below statement in support of the President's 2005 National Drug Control Strategy, released today by John P. Walters, Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Of particular interest to Chairman Davis are disrupting the supply of illegal drugs and combating the illegal and non-medical uses of prescription drugs. Davis is the chief sponsor of H.R. 840, which sets stricter standards for Internet pharmacies and gives states greater power to prosecute those who use the Internet to illegally dispense prescription drugs.

Chairman Davis's statement follows:

**“The President's 2005 National Drug Control Strategy strikes an appropriate balance between reducing both the supply of illegal drugs and the demand for drugs, through prevention and substance abuse treatment programs.**

**“I was particularly pleased to see that Director Walters continues to show strong support for disrupting the supply of drugs from the Andes – nations such as Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and their neighbors. As Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, I have taken four trips to Colombia, and our Committee has held several hearings on Plan Colombia. We must continue to support the efforts of Colombian President Alvaro Uribe to combat the illegal drug trade. Our efforts to appear to be working, as there has been a significant reduction in cocaine and heroin production in Colombia – and, unlike in the past, these reductions have not been offset by increased production elsewhere in the region.**

**“In addition, I appreciate the Administration’s efforts to combat the rising danger of the mis-use of prescription drugs. My legislation to fight the illegal sale of prescription drugs over the Internet, based on several Committee hearings that outlined the problem in great detail, is a recognition that we need new, more powerful tools to stop Internet peddlers from endangering the public.**

**“Finally, while I applaud the goals of this year’s Drug Control Strategy, I have concerns about the de-emphasis on drug use prevention programs in the President’s proposed Fiscal ’06 budget. In order for the strategy to be effective in its three pronged approach, the President’s budget must reflect the goals of ONDCP and continue to designate funds towards prevention programs to stop drug use before it even starts.**

**“I look forward to again working with Director Walters on these and other issues.”**

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